

Dear Warden:

Below please find a Warden Message from the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia. Please share this warden message with any U.S. citizens in Bolivia with whom you have contact.

WARDEN MESSAGE
U.S. EMBASSY LA PAZ, BOLIVIA
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This warden message informs U.S. citizens traveling to and residing in Bolivia of demonstrations and roadblocks organizing in various regions around the country.

SMALL BUSINESS OWNER PROTESTS: Small business owners are protesting against the Bolivian Government in cities across the country. The Embassy has received information that the Plaza Murillo in La Paz and the Customs Offices in La Paz and in El Alto may be targets of demonstrations in the coming days. Due to this situation traffic delays and random road blocks around the city are expected to take place.

UPDATE ON THE ROADBLOCK SITUATION IN POTOSI: According to local news reports, civic groups and government authorities will meet in Sucre to negotiate a possible resolution to the dispute over the border region between Potosí and Oruro. Strikes and road blocks are still in effect and food supplies are running low. Potosinos in other cities, including Cochabamba, are conducting random strikes and road blocks in those cities.

The Embassy urges U.S. citizens to avoid traveling to Potosi or the surrounding regions until the situation is resolved. American citizens who are currently in that area should maintain a low profile and limit their movement until the situation subsides.

U.S. citizens traveling within Bolivia should consider their routes and check news reports prior to departing for updates on protest locations.

U.S. citizens are reminded that demonstrations and road blockades are not unusual in Bolivia, and even though they might be intended to be peaceful they can turn confrontational between security forces, demonstrators, and bystanders, and escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any protests. If you find yourself in the vicinity of a large gathering, it is recommended you leave the area immediately for your own safety.

U.S. citizens residing or traveling in Bolivia are encouraged to register and update their contact information at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz and/or the U.S. consular agencies in Cochabamba and Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Registration may be done online and can be done in advance of travel. Information on registering may be found at the Department of State's Consular Affairs website: <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current worldwide caution,

travel warnings and travel alerts can be found. Additional information is available in the country specific information for Bolivia at <http://travel.state.gov> and on the embassy web page at <http://bolivia.usembassy.gov>.

Current information on travel and security in Bolivia may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or, from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). U.S. citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate on the State Department's travel registration web site at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

U.S. citizens may contact the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at consularlapaz@state.gov or by telephone at (591-2) 216-8246 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or (591) 715-33713 after hours and on weekends. The consular section is located in the U.S. Embassy at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 08:00 to 12:30, and Thursdays from 14:00 to 16:00. The Santa Cruz consular agency can be reached by telephone at (591-3) 351-3477. The Cochabamba consular agency is temporarily closed.

We hope this information is useful to you. If we may provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy La Paz, Bolivia